

House Resolution 132

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Irene Juanita Parson Smith; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Irene Juanita Parson Smith was born on July 18, 1921, in Ohio, the
3 beloved daughter of Irene Theresa Young Parson and Harry Lefever Parson, Sr.; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith graduated from Withrow High School and obtained her degree in
5 home economics from Wilberforce University, where she successfully lobbied to begin a
6 female cheerleading squad; and
- 7 WHEREAS, passionate about education and learning, Mrs. Smith went on to take graduate
8 courses at UCLA, where she studied under the famous Hollywood designer, Edith Head; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she was a committed community leader as demonstrated by her many
10 contributions to civic organizations, including her service as a charter member of Atlanta's
11 Jack & Jill chapter, which focused on programs that supported and affirmed young black
12 men, and her volunteer work with Gate City Day Nursery, Carrie Steele Pitts Children's
13 Home, West Hunter Library, Atlanta Public Library, and the March of Dimes; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was a faithful and active member of First Congregational Church,
15 serving in many capacities that included chairperson of the Board of Deacons and member
16 of the Social Club, Alter Guild, and Sunday School; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was united in love and marriage for 57 years to Arthur Fuller Smith,
18 Sr., taking their vows on April 20, 1946; and
- 19 WHEREAS, she was known to all for her commitment to her family, and she was a loving
20 mother to her three children, Michelle, Arthur, Jr., and Jocelyn, and proud grandmother to
21 her four granddaughters, Lisa, Joy, Alayna, and Whitney; and

22 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this distinguished woman will cherish her
23 memory and the wonderful times shared and join her family in mourning her loss.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Irene Juanita Parson Smith
26 and expressing its appreciation of her many contributions to her family and community.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Smith's family.